



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Increase Change Order Authority For Creek Water Quality Monitoring Laboratory Costs

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize an increase in the Parks and Recreation Director's authority to approve expenditures for increased laboratory costs by \$15,678 (from \$24,322 to \$40,000) to continue the Water Quality Monitoring Program's Fiscal Year 2008 Research Plan, Purchase Order No. 377562.

DISCUSSION:

The Creeks Division's Water Quality Monitoring Program Fiscal Year 2008 Research Plan includes Routine Watershed Assessment, Restoration and Water Quality Project Assessment, and Storm Monitoring on the major watersheds within the City. Under the Research Plan, creek samples are collected and sent to Calscience Environmental Laboratories, Inc. (Calscience) for processing. The total projected cost of processing these samples was estimated in early 2007 when the Research Plan was developed. Since that time, several changes have occurred that have increased the total project costs:

- The Creeks Division began conducting sediment sampling in estuaries, which was more costly than expected. While sediment sampling is only conducted 1 time per year, the cost is approximately \$6,500, which is higher than expected.
- New water quality criteria have been developed in regards to copper toxicity. In order to determine whether copper found in our creeks is at toxic levels, each sample must now be analyzed for 8 additional constituents in the lab (an extra cost of \$150 per sample).

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney

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CHANGE ORDERS

The initial Purchase Order with Calscience was \$24,322. Based on sampling projections for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2008, and taking into account the increased sampling costs described above, an additional authorization of \$15,678 will be needed to complete the Research Plan for Fiscal Year 2008. The additional authorization of \$15,678 will bring the new total change order authority to \$40,000.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

It is recommended that the Change Order allowance be increased by \$15,678 (from \$24,322 to \$40,000) to cover the extra sampling costs identified. There are sufficient funds in the Water Quality Monitoring budget to cover the cost of this increase.

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SUBMITTED BY: Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office